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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
UNITED NATIONS NEW AGENDA FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA IN THE 1990s
New York, 16-20 September 1996
Item 3 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session.

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5. Conduct of the mid-term review.

6. Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Mid-term Review of the Implementation of the United Nations new Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s will be convened at United Nations Headquarters on Monday, 16 September 1996.

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2. Election of the Rapporteur

Paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 50/160 A of 22 December 1995 provided that the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Committee should be constituted at the highest appropriate level and be composed of a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. At its organizational session, on 20 June 1996, the Ad Hoc Committee elected the Chairman and three Vice-Chairmen by acclamation. 1/ It decided to defer the election of the Rapporteur to its session in September 1996.

3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The Ad Hoc Committee shall adopt its agenda contained in the present document.

At its organizational session, the Ad Hoc Committee decided to establish two working groups. Working Group I will deal with the assessment of national efforts based on relevant inputs from African countries, and Working Group II with the response of the international community, including the United Nations system, and the necessary measures to accelerate and improve the implementation of the New Agenda. 2/ During its meeting on 23 July 1996, the Bureau decided that two of the Vice-Chairmen should preside over the two Working Groups. Mr. Samuel R. Insanally (Guyana) will preside over Working Group I and Mr. Alex Reyn (Belgium) over Working Group II.

4. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations

At its organizational session, the Ad Hoc Committee decided to grant maximum participation to non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and other non-governmental organizations that had been contributing to the implementation of the New Agenda, in conformity with established rules and accepted practices. 3/ The annex to the report of the Secretary-General on accreditation of non-governmental organizations provides a list of organizations, which have been evaluated by the Secretariat on a case-by-case basis as to whether they were in compliance with the requirements of Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/80 of 30 July 1993. Accreditation to the session could be done on a consensus basis by the Ad Hoc Committee during its first meeting.

During its meeting on 23 July 1996, the Bureau decided that non-governmental organizations would be allowed to be present in formal meetings, and that they could make a statement each at the opening and the closing sessions. Non-governmental organizations were also asked to nominate four delegates (two African and two non-African) to participate in each of the two Working Groups as observers.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on accreditation of non-governmental organizations to participate in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee (A/AC.251/5)

5. Conduct of the mid-term review

The General Assembly, in its resolution 50/160 A, decided that the Ad Hoc Committee was the most appropriate mechanism to prepare the mid-term review in 1996 of the implementation of the New Agenda, as provided for in the annex to resolution 46/151 of 18 December 1991. The General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Ad Hoc Committee a report on the implementation of the New Agenda and to continue ensuring close cooperation with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity concerning the contributions of the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system. Furthermore, estimates of the projected resource requirements from all sources needed for the full implementation of the New Agenda should be included.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (A/51/228)

Report of the Secretary-General on estimates of projected resource requirements for the full implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (A/51/228/Add.1)

Additional background/information documents

Report of the Organization of African Unity on assessment and recommendations on the implementation of the New Agenda

Report of the Common Fund for Commodities on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/142

Report entitled "Partners in progress - Africa and the international community", on the assessment of the implementation of the New Agenda and the Tokyo Declaration

Report on the seminar on the implementation of the New Agenda, held at Tokyo on 27 and 28 August 1996

Report on the emerging role of non-governmental organizations in African sustainable development

6. Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee

The Ad Hoc Committee will adopt a report on the work of its session, which will form the basis of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session, in accordance with resolution 50/160 A.

Notes

1/ See report of the Ad Hoc Committee on its organizational session (A/AC.251/3, para. 9).

2/ Ibid., para. 11.

3/ Ibid., para. 14.

ANNEX

Proposed organization of work

Monday, 16 September

a.m.	Item 1.	Opening of the session
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	Item 3.	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
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	Item 5.	Conduct of the mid-term review
		Start of the general debate
p.m.*	Item 5	(Continuation of general debate)
		Start of the two Working Groups

Tuesday, 17 September

a.m.		No meetings
		(Official opening of the fifty-first session of the General Assembly)
p.m.*	Item 5	
		(Continuation and conclusion of general debate)
		Continuation of the two Working Groups

Wednesday, 18 September

a.m.	Item 5	(Continuation of the two Working Groups)
p.m.	Item 5	
		(Draft conclusion and recommendation of the Working Groups, including draft resolution)

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* The meetings of the Working Groups will be held simultaneously with the plenary meeting.

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Thursday, 19 September

a.m. Item 5

(Consultations on draft conclusion and recommendation)

p.m. Item 5

(Consultations on draft conclusion and recommendation)

Friday, 20 September

a.m. Item 5

(Action in plenary meeting on agreed conclusion and recommendation, including resolution)

p.m. Item 6. Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee

Closure of the session

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Item 4 of the provisional agenda*

ACCREDITATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole, at its organizational session, on 20 June 1996, decided to grant maximum participation to non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and other non-governmental organizations that had been contributing to the implementation of the New Agenda, in conformity with established rules and accepted practices. In particular, the non-governmental organizations would be allowed to be present in formal meetings, but would not be engaged in the negotiating process. The Secretariat would maintain liaison with the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Committee on that matter (see A/AC.251/3, para. 14).

2. The purpose of the present report is to provide the list of those non-governmental organizations that are not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and have requested to participate in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee.

3. The Secretariat has evaluated each organization listed in the annex to the present report in the light of the above-mentioned decision of the Ad Hoc Committee and recommends their participation in its work.

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ANNEX

Non-governmental organizations not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have requested to participate in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee

1. Advocates for African Food Security
c/o Baha'i International Community
Office for the Advancement of Women
866 United Nations Plaza
Suite 120
New York, N.Y. 10017

Relevance: To advocate food security and lessen the burden of women farmers.

2. African Association for Literacy and Adult Education (AALAE)
P.O. Box 50768
Nairobi, Kenya

Relevance: To promote literacy and adult education through bringing together and networking between specialized organizations and individuals active in those areas.

3. African Center for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD)
c/o University of Durban-Westville
Private Bag X54001
Durban 4000
South Africa

Relevance: To work on conflict prevention and resolution through research training and publications and through demonstrating the links between peac and development.

4. The African Forum and Network on Debt and Development (AFRODAD)
P.O. Box MR 38
Marlborough, Harare
Zimbabwe

Relevance: To assist communities in the creation of development projects through work on issues related to economic justice for Africa, particularl debt.

5. African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET)
P.O. Box 54562
Nairobi, Kenya

Relevance: A pan-African network that concentrates on development and communication and works particularly on gender issues.

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6. Association du Comité des Habitants d'El Mourouj 2
3, rue d'Espagne
1001 Tunis, Tunisie

Relevance: Concentrates on creating a sustainable environment and improving the habitat of local communities.

7. Centre for Human Environment, Development and Disaster Studies
Africa Avenue
P.O. Box 13309
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Relevance: To provide training and carry out studies on environmental issues at the community and regional levels.

8. Council on Finance (COFINA)
Immeuble Lama
B.P. 1313
Conakry, Guinea

Relevance: To work on investment promotion through setting up of credit mechanisms and assisting in the operation of the lending mechanism at the grass-roots level in order to promote sustainable human development.

9. Country Women Association of Nigeria (COWAN)
No. 2, Afunbiowo Street
P.M.B. 809
Akure, Ondo State
Nigeria

Relevance: Establishes a national network and specializes in micro-credit and income-generating projects to promote the economic empowerment of women.

10. Development Innovations and Networks (IRED)
East and Southern Africa
P.O. Box CY3
Causeway, Harare
Zimbabwe

Relevance: An international network involved in global and local development to promote democratization of civil society through encouraging active participation of people.

11. The Ethiopian Gemini Trust
P.O. Box 3547
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Relevance: To work out income-generating schemes through identifying markets, both locally and abroad, in order to assist needy families with twins and triplets, many of whom are women-headed households.

12. Farmers' Link Centre
38-40 Exchange Street
Norwich NR21AX
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Relevance: To carry out exchange programmes, focusing on agricultural, trade and policy frameworks, in order to develop community links between farmers of different nationalities.

13. General Board of Global Ministries
United Methodist Church
777 United Nations Plaza
New York, N.Y. 10017

Relevance: Has historically supported African initiatives for freedom and development, and most importantly is the support given to the United Nations in its endeavours in that direction.

14. Forum of African Voluntary Development Organization (FAVDO)
rue 4, zone B
Boite postale 12093
Dakar, Senegal

Relevance: This Pan-African organization concentrates on the eradication of poverty through synergies between African States, non-governmental organizations and other partners in development, putting special emphasis on the informal sector.

15. Ghana Association of Women Entrepreneurs (GAWE)
P.O. Box 7600
Accra-North, Ghana

Relevance: To create a platform for women to network economically, to promote non-traditional export and the use of appropriate and affordable technology, and to promote intra- and inter-African trade with their counterparts.

16. Groupement d'initiative commune des paysannes de Bogso
P.O. Box 128
Eseka, Cameroon

Relevance: To work on the eradication of poverty among African women farmers through production, preservation and marketing of cassava.

17. Institut africain pour le développement économique et social (INADES)
08 B.P. 8
Abidjan 08, Côte d'Ivoire

Relevance: A Pan-African network that concentrates on training and dissemination of information on economic and social issues.

18. Institut supérieur panafricain d'économie coopérative (ISPEC)
B.P. 1236
Cotonou, Bénin

Relevance: To promote autonomous and economically performing cooperative enterprises as a tool of regional integration.

19. Inter Africa Group
P.O. Box 1631
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Relevance: Works in particular on conflict resolution and economic issues and is the coordinator of the Organization of African Unity/Economic Commission for Africa working groups to facilitate the dialogue between African non-governmental organizations and regional intergovernmental bodies.

20. The Isipingo Environment Committee (IEC)
22 Lotus Road
Isipingo Hills, Kwa-Zulu Natal 4110
South Africa

Relevance: To promote environmental education and advocacy among African youths.

21. The League for Woman and Child Education
Immeuble C Pair, Cité Verte
BP 14702
Yaoundé, Cameroon

Relevance: To sensitize women and political leaders to increased participation of women in political decision-making.

22. Lolonyo Women's Club
P.O. Box 1562
Accra, Ghana

Relevance: To promote gender and inter-tribe cooperation through education on issues pertaining to society, economy, civic education, environment and other related areas.

23. Mwelekeo wa NGO (MWENGO)
Reflection and Development Centre for NGOs in Eastern and Southern Africa
P.O. Box HG 817F, Highlands
Harare, Zimbabwe

Relevance: Works on policy issues, particularly on democratization and the participation of civil society to facilitate and harness the capacities of non-governmental organizations in the region to articulate and implement an African development agenda.

24. The Organization of Rural Associations for Progress (ORAP)
P.O. Box 877 Bulawayo
16, Boone Ave.
Richmond, Zimbabwe

Relevance: Works as a grass-roots organization on rural development. Following the philosophy of self-reliance, expects communities to set their own development goals, which filter up to the organization level, and provides services to facilitate development as defined by the communities.

25. Partnership Africa Canada (PAC)
1200-1, Nicholas Street
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada K1N 7B7

Relevance: A coalition of Canadian and African members to promote sustainable development policies and strengthen policy and advocacy work for the benefit of African and Canadian societies.

26. Study and Research Group on the Democratic, Economic and Social Development of Africa (GERDDES-Africa)
B.P. 1258
Cotonou, Benin

Relevance: To promote democracy and speed up economic and social development through civic education, election-monitoring and political and social mediation.

27. Third World Network-Africa
P.O. Box 8604
Accra North, Ghana

Relevance: To work on development issues through research, publications and networking.

28. Ukimwi Orphans Assistance (UOA)
1st Floor, Gulam Mahal Bldg.
Tupendane, Str. Kashozi Road
P.O. Box 1074
Bukoba, United Republic of Tanzania

Relevance: To assist orphans and children in distress in Africa through socio-economic development to enhance the capacity of the kinship system of the extended family and communities that are overtaxed by the AIDS pandemic.

29. World Sustainable Agriculture Association (WSAA)
2025 I Street, NW # 512
Washington, D.C. 20006

Relevance: Supports a shift from chemical dependency and exploitation of land to human and ecologically sound systems of agriculture through

networking, dissemination of information and participation in policy analysis and advocacy to improve public policies.

World View
5 Passage Piver
F-75011 Paris
France

Relevance: To help non-governmental organizations from Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (the ACP group) in their cooperative policies to support non-formal education activities.